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Dear Colleagues:

We wish to invite you to participate in the 46<sup>th</sup> Vernadsky-Brown Microsymposium, which will be held at the Vernadsky Institute, Moscow, Russia, on October 2-3, 2007. As usual the Microsymposium will have a scientifically broad scope covering different areas of planetary science and related issues. The Chairman of the Organizing Committee is Academician Eric Galimov, Director of the Vernadsky Institute.

A specific feature of the upcoming Microsymposium 46 is that it will be part of the Space Week devoted to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sputnik-1. The Space Week events will take place in the Space Research Institute (IKI), in Vernadsky Institute (our Microsymposium) and in several other institutions, and they will culminate in the anniversary events to be held in Russian Academy of Sciences on October 4-5 2007.

In recognition of this memorable Anniversary, we plan to have a few talks from people who participated in the Soviet Space program in the glorious 50s-60s-70s, together with the usual scientific talks on current topics in planetary science. We have preliminary agreement for a talk from Mikhail Marov, Corresponding Member of Russian Academy of Science, who in those days was Scientific Secretary for Inter-Agency Board on Space Research. Furthermore, we have preliminary agreement for a talk from Oleg Ivanovsky, who in those days was the leading engineer at Energia Corporation and Deputy Chief Designer for Lunas, Lunokhods, and Veneras at Lavochkin Association. These people will share with us the atmosphere of hard work and enthusiasm typical for that program.

Please let us know about your possible participation as soon as possible so we can start to design a program and work on technical things such as visas and hotel accommodations.

With best personal regards.

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(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ I plan to participate in Vernadsky/Brown Microsymposium 46.

A topic for my contribution (or short title) will be: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am sorry, but I will be unable to attend the Microsymposium 46.

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